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SUBJ: MTN: WALKER DISCUSSIONS WITH GATT SECRETARIAT

1. SUMMARY. AMBASSADOR WALKER, AND WOLFF (STR), HAD EXTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH GATT DIRGEN OLIVIER LONG AND HIS DEPUTIES, PATTERSON AND MATHUR. SUBJECT MATTER RANGED FROM CURRENT PROBLEMS OF CHOOSING TNC SUBGROUP CHAIRMEN TO LONG-RANGE MTN PLANNING. END SUMMARY.

2. DG LONG USED OCCASION OF MY INITIAL VISIT TO EXPRESS DISMAY THAT SUBGROUP CHAIRMANSHIP QUESTION HAD NOT BEEN RESOLVED DUE TO INABILITY OF UNITED STATES TO PROPOSE ACCEPTABLE CANDIDATE FOR CHAIRMANSHIP OF GRAINS SUBGROUP. HE STATED THAT IF THE UNITED STATES FAILED TO MAKE A PROPOSAL BY JUNE 23 GRAINS SUBGROUP MEETING, HE WOULD CALL 7 PLUS 7 AND SUGGEST THAT THE FOUR MTN SUBGROUPS AND TWO OTHER AGRICULTURE SUBGROUPS SELECT CHAIRMEN CURRENTLY, RESERVING ONLY GRAINS SUBGROUP CHAIRMANSHIP FOR LATER

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RESOLUTION. HE INDICATED THAT HIS UNDERSTANDING WAS

THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM WITH NAMING MTN SUBGROUP CHAIRMEN SINCE DUNKEL WOULD BE VERY LIKELY TO CONSENT TO CHAIRING CUSTOMS SUBGROUP. LONG WAS NONCOMMITTAL AS TO WHO IN SECRETARIAT WOULD CHAIR SUBSIDIES/COUNTERVAIL SUBGROUP BUT PROMISED ADVANCE PRIVATE CONSULTATION WITH USG ON SUBJECT. HE URGED U.S. AND EC TO INTENSIFY EFFORTS TO AGREE ON GRAINS SUBGROUP CHAIRMAN WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS, IF POSSIBLE. WE OBSERVED THAT LINKAGE OF OTHER SUBGROUP CHAIRMANSHIPS TO THAT OF GRAINS WAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE EC AND SUGGESTED MOVEMENT ON THEIR PART SEEMED APPROPRIATE, WHILE ALSO INDICATING OUR STEPPED-UP EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY GRAINS CANDIDATE.

3. LONG EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR USG SUPPORT FOR GATT CONSULTATIVE GROUP AND HOPED TO HAVE GROUP FORMALLY CONSTITUTED BEFORE MID-JULY BEGINNING OF SUMMER RECESS.

4. WITH RESPECT TO JULY TNC, LONG REGARDED THIS AS A MEETING FOR STOCK-TAKING, AND PLANNING OF WORK PROGRAM THROUGH NEXT TNC WHICH MIGHT BE HELD IN MID TO LATE NOVEMBER. HE HOPED REPRESENTATION WOULD BE AT HIGH LEVEL FROM CAPITALS, ALTHOUGH MEETING WOULD NOT BE DESIGNATED AS MINISTERIAL. HE FELT THAT PLANNED ATTENDANCE OF AMBASSADOR DENT WOULD BE LIKELY TO RESULT IN INCREASED REPRESENTATION FROM OTHER CAPITALS.

5. ON TIMING OF MTN, LONG AND HIS DEPUTIES STRONGLY SUPPORTED IDEA OF "EARLY HARVEST" ALTHOUGH THEY DID NOT UNDER-ESTIMATE DIFFICULTIES OF FINDING AREAS FOR WHICH MAJOR DEVELOPED COUNTRIES COULD AGREE TO EARLY IMPLEMENTATION. THEY CLEARLY SAW TROPICAL PRODUCTS AS A POSSIBLE EARLY PACKAGE AND HOPED THAT THE STANDARDS CODE COULD ATTAIN SIMILAR STATUS, ALTHOUGH THEY RECOGNIZED THAT EC WOULD HAVE TO ALTER ITS POSITION SUBSTANTIALLY FOR THIS TO OCCUR. LONG LIKENED NEGOTIATING PROCESS TO HIS OWN FARMING OPERATION NEAR GENEVA IN WHICH, HE SAID, DUE TO CLIMATE, CROPS MUST BE HARVESTED QUICKLY EXACTLY WHEN THEY ARE RIPE, FOR SUCCESSFUL FARMING.

6. LONG EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT A STATEMENT IN THE PRESS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ATTRIBUTED TO SECRETARY KISSINGER THAT A MAJOR USG PROPOSAL ON COMMODITIES WOULD BE TABLED IN THE MTN. HE FELT THAT A MAJOR USG "INITIATIVE" IN THIS AREA WOULD BE HIGHLY DISRUPTIVE TO THE MTN. HE WAS REASSURED BY OUR INTERPRETATION THAT, WHILE U.S. COMMODITY POLICY WAS CURRENTLY STILL UNDER REVIEW, SECRETARY'S REMARKS LARGELY INDICATED GREATER RECEPTIVENESS TO EXAMINING INDIVIDUAL COMMODITY ISSUES ON THEIR MERITS, RATHER THAN SIGNALLING

NEW U.S. INITIATIVE AS MAJOR DEPARTURE FROM PRIOR POLICIES.

7. ON SUPPLY ACCESS, SECRETARIAT THINKING WAS THAT SUPPLY ISSUES SHOULD BE DEALT WITH IN CONTEXTS IN WHICH THEY ARISE IN PRAGMATIC MANNER RATHER THAN TO CREATE A SEPARATE SUPPLY ACCESS GROUP, WHICH IS NOT DIRECTLY CONTEMPLATED BY THE TOKYO DECLARATION AND WHICH WOULD MEET WITH STRONG NEGATIVE REACTION FROM CANADA, AUSTRALIA, AND LDC'S. LONG COMMODITY SUBGROUPS WOULD INEVITABLY HAVE TO DEAL WITH SUPPLY ACCESS IN PARTICULAR CASES AND THAT OTHER FORA COULD CONCEIVABLY BE USED AS WELL, SUCH AS SAFEGUARDS GROUP AND QR SUBGROUP. MOST PROMINENT FORUM INITIALLY WOULD PROBABLY BE SECTORS GROUP, HOWEVER.

8. WORK ON IMPROVEMENT OF THE FRAMEWORK FOR THE CONDUCT OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE WOULD BE UNDERTAKEN IN THE FALL, LONG THOUGHT, IN INFORMAL STUDY GROUP SESSIONS IN 7 PLUS 7. FORMATION OF A "GATT REFOR" TNC GROUP WAS NOT CONTEMPLATED. THE QUESTION OF HOW TO IMPLEMENT ANY CONSENSUS REACHED IN THE INFORMAL SESSIONS WOULD BE ADDRESSED ONCE CONSENSUS HAD BEEN REACHED ON ANY PARTICULAR SOLUTION. SEVERAL SUBJECTS WOULD PROBABLY BE DISCUSSED IN 7 PLUS 7, INCLUDING A REVIEW OF ARTICLE XII, AND IMPROVEMENT OF CONSULTATION AND DISPUTE MECHANISMS. ON DURATION OF TOKYO ROUND, LONG EXPRESSED VIEW THAT NEGOTIATION ON NTB'S SHOULD BE A CONTINUING PROCESS WITHOUT ANY ARTIFICIAL CONCLUDING DATE TO A ROUND. HOWEVER, HE FELT THAT NATIONAL TRADE POLICY OFFICIALS WERE IN SO MANY CASES VETERANS OF KENNEDY AND PRIOR ROUNDS THAT THEY COULD ONLY ENVISION ONE LARGE EXPLOSIVE EFFORT WITH A SPECIFIC TERMINAL DATE. IT WOULD THEREFORE TAKE A LARGE EFFORT ON THE PART OF THOSE WHO, LIKE HIMSELF, FAVORED A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONTINUOUS NEGOTIATING EFFORT AIMED AT RESOLVING TRADING PROBLEMS TO BEGIN THE PROCESS THAT HE HOPED FOR. BOTH LONG AND PATTERSON EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN THE U.S. WOULD NOT DISRUPT THE MTN BECAUSE OF CAMPAIGN PROMISES THAT MIGHT BE MADE ON PARTICULAR ISSUES. WE AGREED THAT MTN SHOULD BE A CONTINUING PROCESS BUT THAT IT WAS USEFUL TO HAVE AN INTENSIVE PERIOD OF NEGOTIATION TO RESOLVE TARIFF AND MANY NON-TARIFF PROBLEMS IN RELATIVE NEAR-TERM, AND EXPRESSED VIEW THAT U.S. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS WOULD NOT POSE RISK OF DISRUPTION OF MTN.

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